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The reply filed on 4/3/2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not adequately replied to the Provisional Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection. Applicant's response to the six (6) pages of ODP rejections in the Office Action mailed 12/3/2008, states that "applicant note these rejections and shall consider filing terminal disclaimers when the Examiner indicates allowable subject matter in the instant application" (Remarks, p. 25, last paragraph). This is tantamount to requesting that the rejections be held in abeyance. A request to hold a rejection in abeyance and statements of condition precedent (such as "shall consider...when...") are not proper responses to a rejection. A request to hold a matter in abeyance may only be made in response to an objection or requirements as to form (see MPEP 714.02 and 37 CFR 1.111(b)).

The submission filed 4/3/2009 is not fully responsive because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111(b), which states that "[i]n order to be entitled to reconsideration or further examination, the applicant or patent owner must reply to the Office action. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. If the reply is with respect to an application, a request may be made that objections or requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. The applicant's or patent owner's reply must appear throughout to be a bona fide attempt to advance the application or the reexamination proceeding to final action. A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section.

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